GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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PROMOTION AND CONSERVATION OF WILDLIFE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new schemes for promotion and conservation of wild-life, especially the Rhinos, the elephants and the wild cats in the forests reserves and sanctuaries in Assam and other North-East States have been launched on the World Environment Day, June 5, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which the population of these endangered spcies has varied during the past five years?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) No new scheme for wildlife conservation was launched on the World Environment Day. However, the Ministry of Environment and Forests has taken following initiatives for effective conservation of Elephants, Rhinos and other wildlife species in North-Eastern States, :-

(i) 10% Budget allocation to the Ministry has been earmarked for North-Eastern States. The allocation during the current year 2001-02 for Centrally sponsored schemes of wildlife are:-

Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries	Rs 600.00 lakhs
Project Tiger	Rs 200.00 lakhs
Project Elephant	Rs 300.00 lakhs

(ii) The Government has approved that 100% financial assistance should be provided for both recurring and non-recurring expenditure including salary of incremental staff, in respect of National Parks and Sanctuaries which are habitats to endangered species

(c) Estimated number of tiger, elephant and rhino in North-Eastern States during last two counts is given below:-

State	Tiger Population		Rhino Population		Elephant Population	
	1993	1997	1993	1998-99	1993	1997
Arunachal Pradesh+	180	180	-	-	2500	2102
Assam	325	458	1440	1684	5500	5312
Meghalaya	53	63	-	-	2750	1840
Mizoram	28	12	-	-	-	-
Nagaland+	83	83	-	-	-	147

+ Tiger census in Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland have not been carried out in 1997. The census figures quoted by these States during 1993 has been incorporated in 1997 also.